16. Sikkim

17. Tripura

18. West Bengal.

(c) The Programme of Action of the National Policy on Educsation, 1986 envisaged that about 500 colleges should be developed as autonomous colleges in the 7th Five Year Plan.

Anomalies in the Rate in Relief to Pensioners

865. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are serious anomalies in the rate of relief allowed to Central Government Pensioners;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH): (a) to (c) No, Sir. The present system for the grant of dearness relief to the pensioners has been introduced as a result of implementation of recommendation of the Fourth Central Pay Commission. According to this system the dearness relief is given based on 12 monthly average consumer price index over CPI 608. Neutralisation for the price rise is given 100 per cent to the pensioners drawing pension upto Rs. 1750|- p.m., 75 per cent to the pensioners drawing pension in the range of Rs. 1751| to Rs. 3000|-, 65 per cent to those pensioners who are drawing pension over Rs. 3000|-. There is no anomaly in the system for grant of dearness relief to pensioners.

Disparities in facilities to Jawans and Officers in Defence Services

866. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that disparities in facilities provided to Jawans and Officers in defence services have increased; and

(b) if not, what are the details of the facilities provided to (i) Jawans and (ii) Officers, respectively?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR. RAJA RAMANNA): (a) and (b) The facilities are provided to Jawans and Officers in Defence services as per the terms and conditions of their engagement. It is the intention of Government to improve the facilities provided to both the Jawans and Officers.

Central investment in Kerala

@867. SHRI N. E. BALARAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Investment in Kerala has dropped from 3.28 per cent in 1974 to 1.62 per cent in 1987;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to increase the investment in the State; and

(c) if so, what are the projects proposed to be taken up in the State?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH): (a) The estimates of State-wise expenditure of the central plan for the Sixth Five Year Plan and for the first three years of the Seventh Plan are indicated in the enclosed statement. [*See* Appendix CLIII, Annexure No. 36]. The estimates indicate that the percentage share in central investment in Kerala has gone up from 2.33 per cent during the Sixth Plan period to 2.7 per cent for the first three years (aggregate) of the Seventh Plan period.

(b) Central plan investment is made for the country as a whole keeping national priorities in view. These programmes/projects in most

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cases transcend the limits of the State boundaries. The fruits of these programmes/projects will be spread all over the country.

(c) Information regarding the projects benefiting Kerala would be available when the Eighth Plan details are finalised.

Financial Assistance provided to Universities of Orissa

868. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the financial assistance provided by Government to different Universities in Orissa during last three financial years, University-wise;

(b) whether the assistance being provided to the aforesaid Universities has been found to be inadequate; and

(c) if so, what steps are being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. M. G. K. MENON): (a) The details of financial assistance provided by the UGC to the Universities in Orissa during the years 1986-87, 1987-88 and 1988-89 are as follows:—

(Rs. in lakhs

Sl. No.	Name of University	1986-87	1987-88	1988-89
1.	Sambalpur University, Sambalpur	3·20	67·15	1·25
2.	Utkal University, Bhubaneswar	19·05	93·42	2·50
3.	Berhampur University, Berhampur	11·03	51·86	64·00

(b) and (c) According to the UGC, the proposals of the universities were formulated on the basis of the guidelines of the UGC for development of universities for Seventh Plan and the allocations were approved after consultations/discussions with the Vice-Chancellors of the respective universities and subject experts. The question of providing additional funds can be considered only after the allocated funds have been fully utilized.

College and University Teachers' promotion as Reader

869. PROF. SOURENDRA BHATTACHARJEE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the latest revision of pay scales for college and university teachers, promotion to Readership has been made subject to sixteen years' service, with three years' weightage for Doctorates and three years for M.Phil., but refusing the status to the teachers who have completed sixteen or more years of service, but have no Doctorate or M. Phil. Degrees; and

(b) whether Government propose to reconsider this decision, in view of the accepted norm of at least one promotion during one's service period and in order not to compel a teacher to have the ignoring of a scale without status, having 'placement' in place of 'promotion'?

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